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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Arrangements for Major Richard C. Edwards to
Meet with Certain CIA Analysts to Discuss
Elite Personality Data

1. Because the time seemed to be running so short to respond to Lyman Kirkpatrick's request that we help Major Edwards reach a CIA analyst, today I called Professor Alden Williams at Kansas State University to lay some ground rules for an appointment for Major Edwards. I asked Professor Williams to have Edwards send a letter to me outlining, in as much detail as possible, the kind of information he wanted to discuss concerning the way CIA organizes elite personality data. Professor Williams was grateful for the call and said that he would make certain that Edwards did send a letter as soon as possible.

2. This memorandum should meet the requirement that I write directly to Professor Williams and could be used to inform Professor Kirkpatrick that contact has been made per his request.



DD/I Coordinator for Academic Relations

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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

September 9, 1974

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Mr. William Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a letter from Professor Alden Williams at Kansas State University which I believe contains a reasonable request: that an Army major working with him on a Master's thesis be permitted to talk to someone in the agency on the methodology for organizing data on elite personalities. It seems to me this could be mutually beneficial. If you agree, could you have it given to someone who would set up a meeting with Major Edwards through Professor Williams. I am sure it will help the image of the Agency in an area where there is a lot of support for CIA.

Speaking of image, I thought the piece in the U. S. News and World Report for September 9, 1974 was excellent. This type of article will help overcome the image of spies and dirty tricks.

I hope all goes well. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Professor

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Enclosure:



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August 21, 1974

Professor Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr.
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Dear Professor Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for the copy of the symposium transcript, "Defense Policies for the Seventies." You assembled a strong panel and did a lot of good by somehow getting a lot more substance into the statements than one usually finds in such public discussions. I don't know exactly what else led me to read it through before the other things on my desk, but certainly part of it was wanting to see how skillfully you moderated the question period. I admired it.

May I ask your advice about a graduate student, currently under my supervision, who is at a stage where he could profit by talking to one or two CIA people about his Master's research? He is Richard C. Edwards, an armor major and 1972 C&GSC graduate who is on TDY with us for his M.A. in political science. He has had something of an east Asian and Chinese interest throughout his career and is doing his thesis in Sino-Soviet communication patterns surrounding several contemporary ultimatums and crises. That summary doesn't do credit to his hypotheses, but the point is that he has become deeply interested in leader personality effects in Russian and Chinese policy. We can steer him to conventional sources, and of course his work is entirely with unclassified material. However, he has come far enough intellectually to be able to take advantage of an hour with an Agency person who could tell him something about how the CIA organizes elite personality data. It would be purely an interview on method, and even that would be for refining Edwards' own analytical categories, and not for print.

I was in the information gathering business myself, and I think I'm sufficiently familiar with what an Agency representative can and can't say about method, and with the thin line between discussing method and risking substance or sources. With these considerations in mind, I think such an interview would be both feasible and profitable for a young officer with a good mind. Major Edwards will be in the Washington area two or three times this fall. Could you suggest a direct contact with whom he could set up an appointment as well as brief on his specific purposes and interests?

Perhaps you've already received a copy from Frank Trager, but just in case you haven't, I'm sending a copy of the recent Modules in Security Studies

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Professor Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr.
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which had its origins at the New York meeting too many years ago. Among the many modules missing, glaringly so, is one on intelligence, counterintelligence, and national security— which I hoped and still hope you will contribute to. We'll see what the reaction to this first batch is, and I hope there will be expansion later.

Cordially,



Alden Williams
Associate professor

Modules in Security Studies
(under separate cover)